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KEY WEST, FLA., APRIL 18 (AP)—CASTRO FORCES HAVE SHOT DOWN A COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING SABOTAGE UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENTS AT THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE, HAVANA RADIO REPORTED TODAY.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VIOLENT DEATH OF HERIBERTO RODRIGUEZ PENA CAME ON THE HEELS OF A CLAIM BY THE RADIO THAT ANTI-CASTRO ELEMENTS HAVE TAKEN REFUGE AT THE U.S. NAVAL BASE AND ARE AGITATING THERE FOR WEAPONS TO FIGHT THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT.

THE RODRIGUEZ CASE IS THE SECOND OFFICIAL REPORT IN AS MANY DAYS OF OPEN CONFLICT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT FORCES AND COUNTERREVOLUTIONISTS.

THE RADIO SAID AN INVESTIGATION SHOWED RODRIGUEZ "WAS IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH ELEMENTS OF THE CIA AT THE GUANTANAMO NAVAL BASE WHERE HE HAD MADE SEVERAL VISITS TO RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR HIS TERRORISTIC PLANS."

HE WAS SHOT SEVERAL DAYS AGO ON MARTI STREET IN SANTIAGO DE CUBA, THE RADIO SAID. SANTIAGO DE CUBA IS AN IMPORTANT PORT CITY ABOUT 40 MILES SOUTHWEST OF THE NAVAL BASE AT GUANTANAMO BAY.

RODRIGUEZ' ALLEGED ACT OF SABOTAGE WAS NOT DESCRIBED.

THE RADIO YESTERDAY REPORTED THE SLAYING OF OSVELDO RAMIREZ GARCIA, A TOP COUNTERREVOLUTIONARY WHO REPORTEDLY HAD BEEN ACTIVE AGAINST THE FIDEL CASTRO REGIME SINCE MID-1959.

EARLIER TODAY, THE RADIO SAID A PLOT AGAINST THE CASTRO REGIME IS BREWING AT THE GUANTANAMO BASE AND THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT HAS REITERATED ITS INTENTION OF TAKING POSSESSION OF THE U.S. INSTALLATION.

THE PLOT, SAID THE BROADCAST, MAY TAKE THE FORM OF A PHONY ATTACK ON THE NAVAL BASE WHICH WOULD GIVE THE UNITED STATES AND EXCUSE TO WAGE WAR ON CUBA.

"NOBODY SHOULD BE SURPRISED OR DECEIVED AND THE WHOLE WORLD MUST BE ON THE ALERT FOR A SELF-INFLICTED AGGRESSION AT THE BASE," SAID THE RADIO.

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